

Appl. No. 10/072,697
Amdt. AF dated November 23, 2004
Reply to Final Office Action of September 23, 2004

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed on September 23, 2004. Claims 1-6 and 8-24 remain pending, wherein claims 1-6 and 8-21 are allowed and claims 22-24 are rejected. Applicant respectfully traverses all objections, rejections, and assertions made by the Examiner.

Claims 22, 23, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Parry in U.S. Patent No. 5,016,369. The Examiner indicated that Parry discloses each of the limitations except for the specific therapeutic agents claimed. However, the Examiner indicated that the claimed therapeutic agents would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art. We disagree. Nonetheless, in the interest of advancing the presently allowed claims to issuance, claims 22-24 are now cancelled. This cancellation should not be considered a concession based on the merits of the rejection.

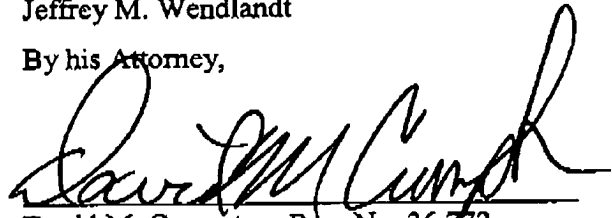
Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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